

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend?

6-24-09 Scoping Meeting  
Galesville, Wis

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☐ Project Purpose and Need

☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☒ Other: Devalue of property

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

- 80' easement will take out valuable trees/diag  
on property between Hwy 53 and the house

- We bought the property for the beauty of  
the trees and wildlife that walk  
thru daily! It's like a private  
reserve away from city congestion, this  
would be all destroyed by taking out the  
trees and foliage to the hwy!

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

### I-093-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☒ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I-093-005

- Hwy 53 - 1st Home on left of A. Johnson Rd.  
Easement access will remove trees and foliage that are natural area for wildlife that has been pushed out by apt. bldg.

I-093-002

- Hwy 53 is a scenic area out of La Crosse and people go next door to a large campground to get away and the boy scouts have a large camp across the highway

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-093-003

- Health + Safety  
- There is data to support health issues due to high voltage exposure long term (It would be too close to our home, our bedroom is on that side of the house.)

#### I-093-002

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

#### I-093-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-093-004

Description and purpose were explained.  
Need was not - power consumption was  
reported down last year?  
So I do not feel "need" was explained  
nor demonstrated in this area?

Iding  
in the road.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-093-004

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

I-093-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.